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THE HEDGEHOG



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SONIC & TAILS

OUTBACK GUT CHECK

LOOK, STU--
IT'S NALT, BARBY
AND THAT FAR OUT
FOX NAMED
TAILS!

BUT HOW'D
THEY FIND US? AND
WHO'S THE SPINY
BLUE GUY?

THE NAME'S
SONIC THE HEDGE-
HOG...AND WE'LL
EXPLAIN EVERY-
THING AFTER WE
TRASH THESE
FLAT-TAILED
FREAKS!

OH MY
SIGNAL
EVERYBODY
...NOW!

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YOU SAY
THESE ARE
DUCKBILLS?
THEY SEEM
MORE LIKE
DUCKPINS
TO ME!

-tsk-tsk-
I FORGOT TO
WIPE MY
FEET!

POW
THROP
SMACK

CHOP

LADIES CHOICE
BOYS... AND I CHOOSE
TO PUT YOU DOWN!

TODAY'S
FORECAST--
**HIGH
WINDS!**

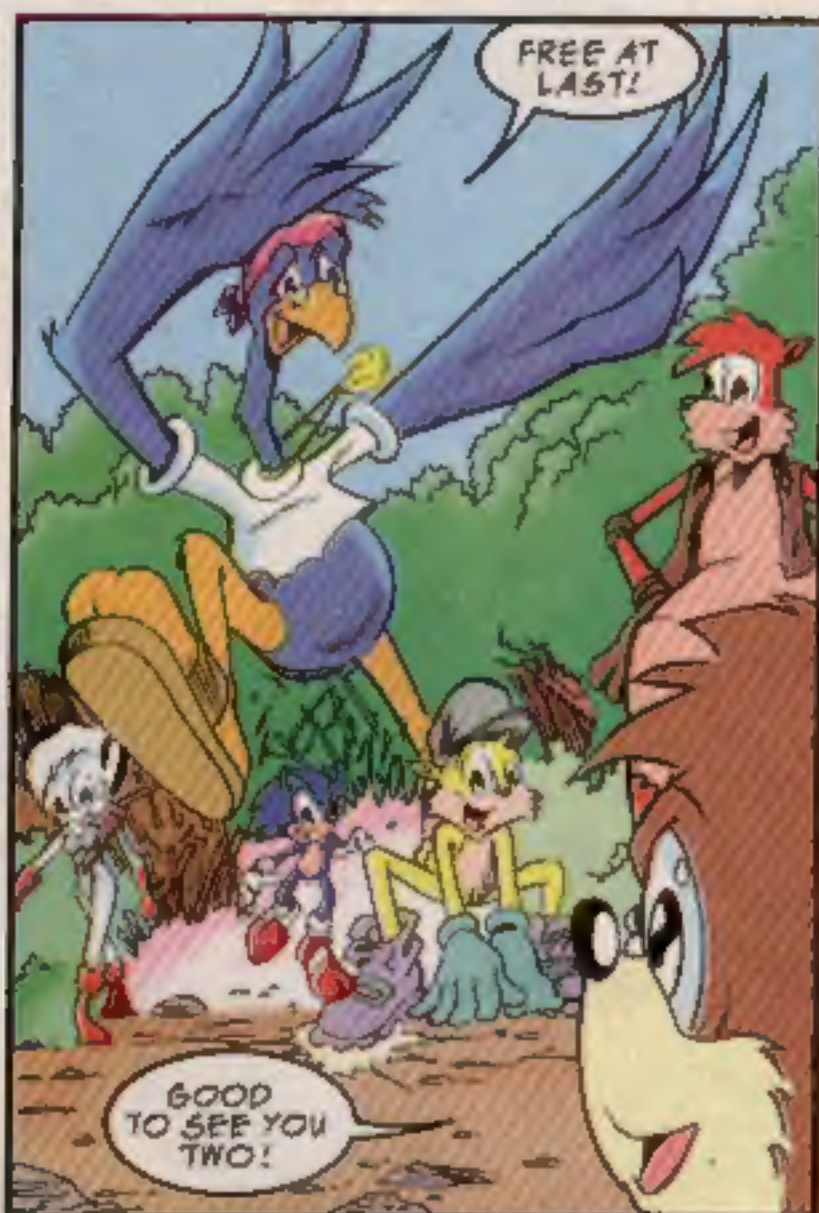
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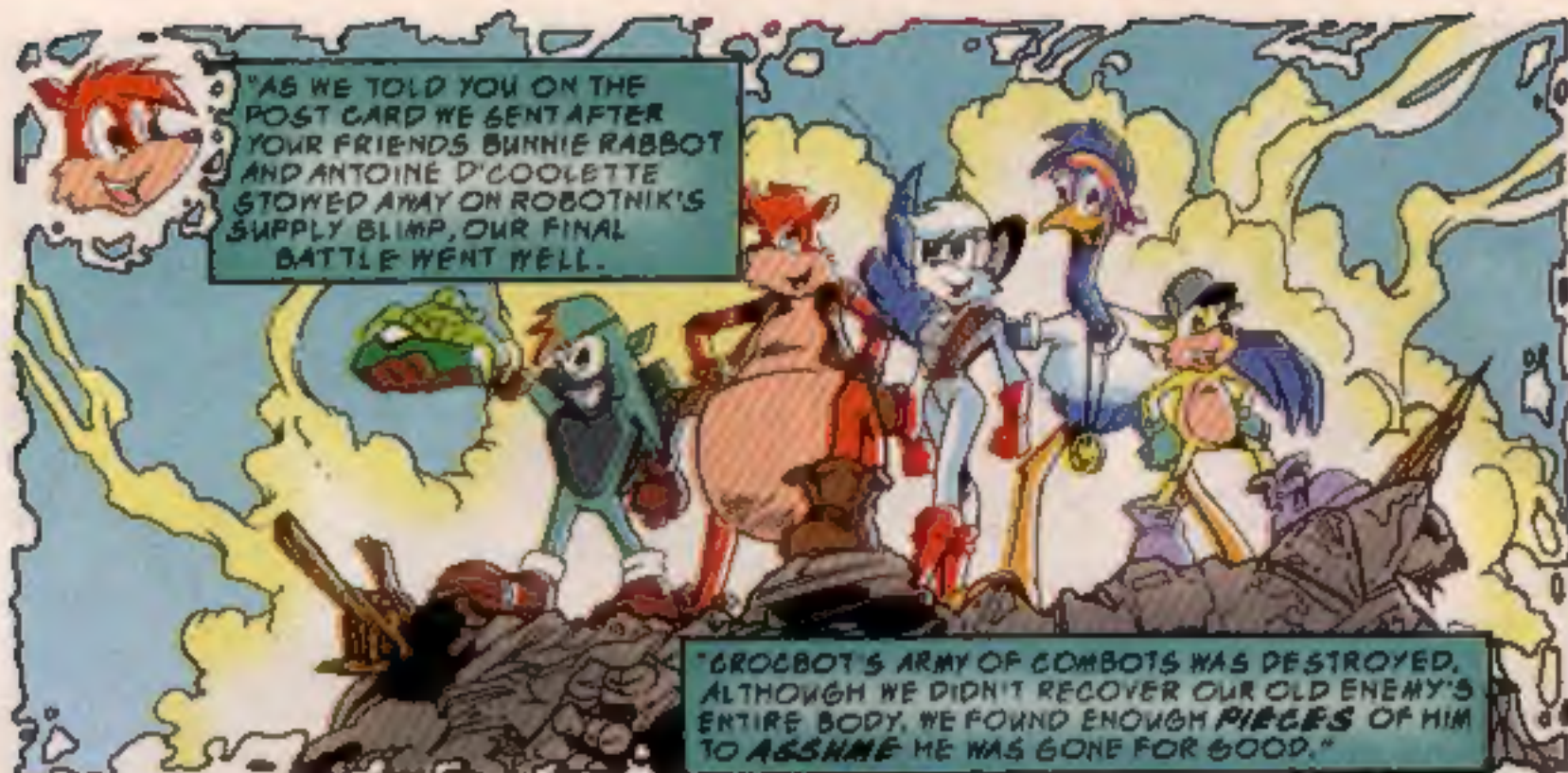
ESPECIALLY
TAILS!

AW, SHUCKS,
MA'AM... JUST
DOIN' MUH
JOB...

STAND BY,
BOYS... I'M GONNA
CUT YOU **FREE**.
READY, WALT?

HURRRM--
YEAH...



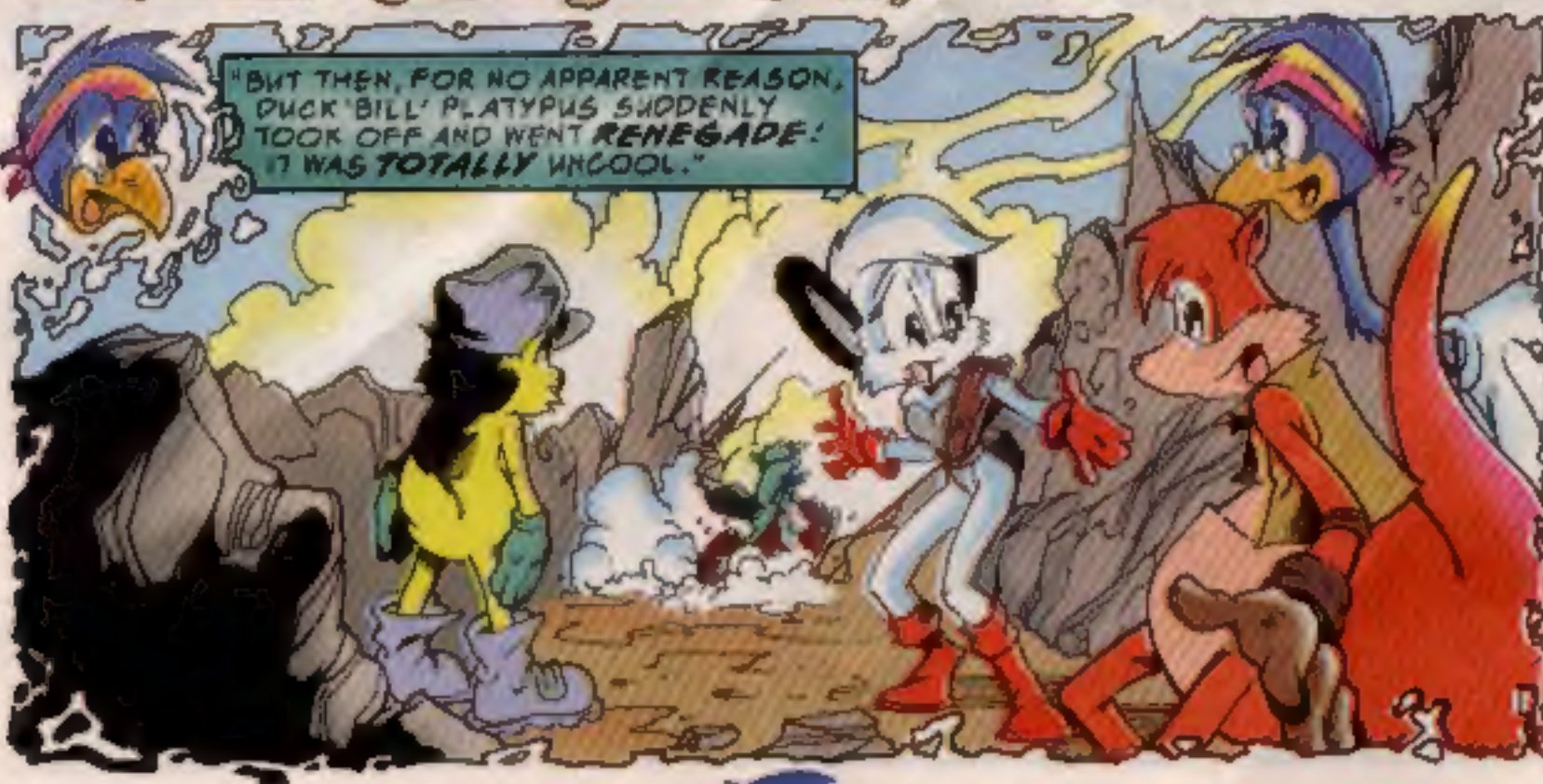


"AS WE TOLD YOU ON THE POST CARD WE SENT AFTER YOUR FRIENDS BUNNIE RABBIT AND ANTOINE D'COOLETTE STOWED AWAY ON ROBOTNIK'S SUPPLY BLIMP, OUR FINAL BATTLE WENT WELL."

"GROCBOT'S ARMY OF COMBOTS WAS DESTROYED, ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T RECOVER OUR OLD ENEMY'S ENTIRE BODY, WE FOUND ENOUGH **PIECES** OF HIM TO **ASSHME** HE WAS GONE FOR GOOD."



"THE MASSIVE CLEANUP OF THE CRATER BEGAN. WE WERE DETERMINED TO REMOVE ALL TRACES OF THE PRISON CAMP AND RETURN IT TO PRISTINE CONDITION. AT FIRST THINGS WENT WELL..."



"BUT THEN, FOR NO APPARENT REASON, DUCK 'BILL' PLATYPUS SUDDENLY TOOK OFF AND WENT **RENEGADE**! IT WAS **TOTALLY UNCOOL**."

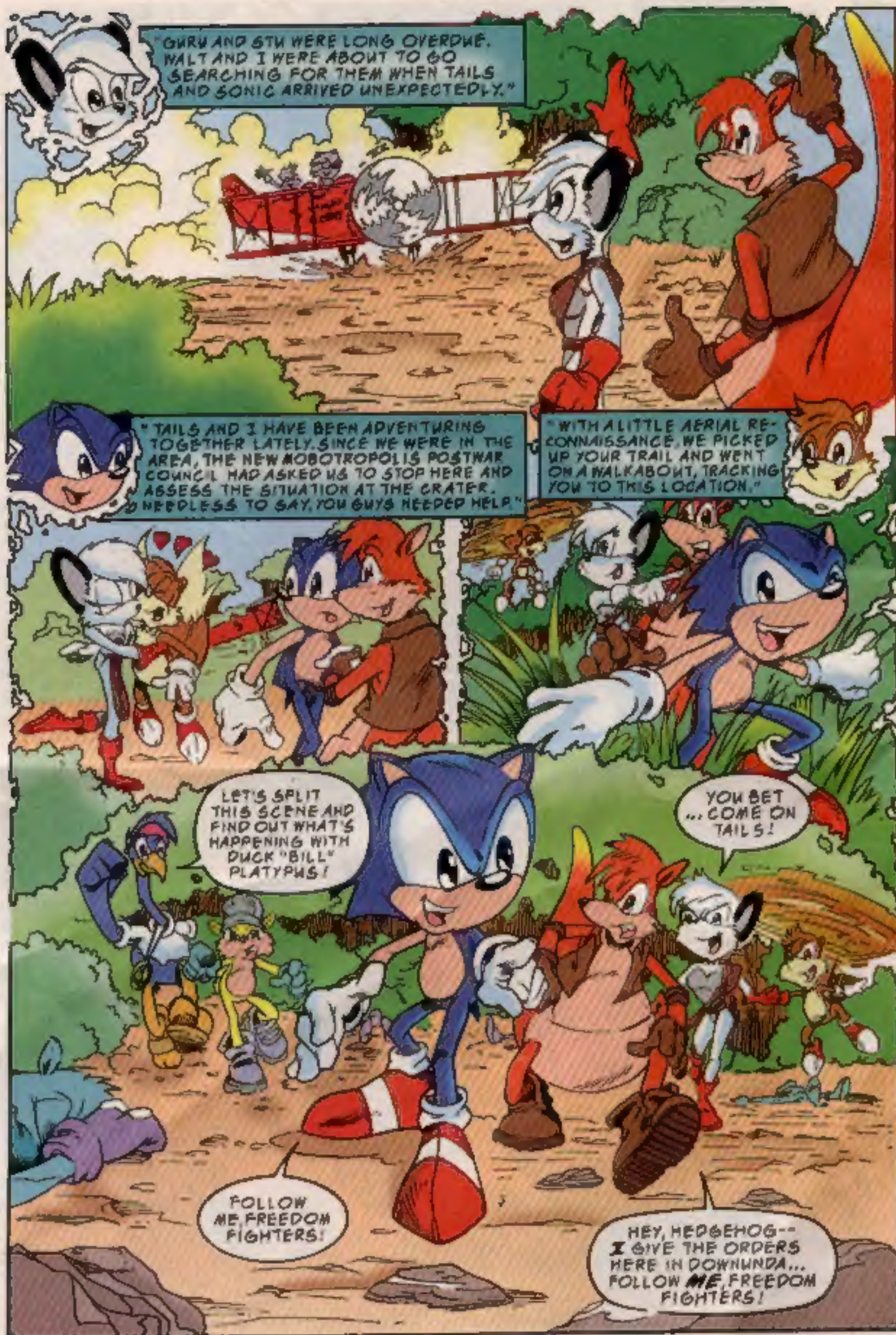


"NOT LONG AFTER THAT, THE RAIDS BEGAN. OUR FORMER TEAMMATE WAS SEEN LEADING A GUERRILLA BAND OF WILD DUCKBILLS. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THEY ATTACKED THE CRATER SITE, RUINING OUR RECONSTRUCTION JOB."

"OUR VOLUNTEER WORK FORCE BEGAN TO QUIT. THE SITUATION WAS TOO DANGEROUS, SO I SHUT THE PROJECT DOWN."

"SOON, WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BILL, ASKING GURU AND I TO MEET HIM HERE IN THE OUTBACK. HE SAID HE WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE HOSTILITIES. AFTER DISCUSSING IT, WE AGREED TO GO."

"BUT HIS OFFER WAS MEGA-BOGUS! HE WERE AMBUSHED AND LOOPED UP IN THOSE CAGES YOU JUST FREED US FROM!"



"GURU AND STU WERE LONG OVERDUE. WALT AND I WERE ABOUT TO GO SEARCHING FOR THEM WHEN TAILS AND SONIC ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY."

"TAILS AND I HAVE BEEN ADVENTURING TOGETHER LATELY. SINCE WE WERE IN THE AREA, THE NEW MOBOTROPOLIS POSTWAR COUNCIL HAD ASKED US TO STOP HERE AND ASSESS THE SITUATION AT THE CRATER. NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU GUYS NEEDED HELP."

"WITH A LITTLE AERIAL RE-CONNAISSANCE, WE PICKED UP YOUR TRAIL AND WENT ON A WALKABOUT, TRACKING YOU TO THIS LOCATION."

LET'S SPLIT THIS SCENE AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH DUCK 'BILL' PLATYPUS!

YOU BET... COME ON TAILS!

FOLLOW ME, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

HEY, HEDGEHOG-- I GIVE THE ORDERS HERE IN DOWNUNDA... FOLLOW ME, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

THE FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT PAGE



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HANG ON
EVERYONE! I'M
TAKING US FROM ZERO
TO FORTY KNOTS IN
7.3 SECONDS!

WHOA!
GROOVY,
MAN!

IMPRESSIVE.

LOOK!
AROUND
THAT
BEND--

MEANWHILE,
I'LL FORM A PRO-
TECTIVE SHIELD
TO KEEP THOSE
CROSSAT BAY!

Whoosh

--THAT MUST
BE DUCK "BILLS"
HIDEOUT!

OF COURSE THERE'S NO REPORT FROM THE HOSTAGE SITE. AND WHAT'S WITH THE CROC PATROL? THEY COULD BE HERE ANY SECOND. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

AND I CAN HEAR HIM. HE'S TALKING TO HIMSELF.

I CAN SEE HIM!

ON THREE, FREEDOM FIGHTERS... ONE - TWO



THREE!
SHOW'S OVER
B LLABONG!

OH DEAR
HE LOOKS
AWFUL!

Oh great. They're here! Now what do I do?
...Well?... Answer me!

OH MAN!
BILL'S TOTALLY EXHAUSTED!

WHO WAS HE TALKING TO?

GNNNGH.

I CAN HEAR SOUNDS UNDER-
NEATH THE FLOOR
...MECHANICAL SOUNDS!

I SEE THE OUTLINE OF A TRAP DOOR--
STAND BACK, SISTER.

BZZZZ
CRACKS

GROEBOT!

CURSE YOU
- BZZZZT -
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS..

- CRACKLE - MY PLAN ALMOST
SUCCEEDED WHILE I HAD YOU
DOWNHANDS IN THE CRATER
DETENTION CAMP I IMPLANTED
A POST-HYPNOTIC MIND CONTROL
DIODE BEHIND DUCK BILLS' EAR

WHEN HE FOUND MY REMAINS
DURING THE CLEAN UP, THE VISUAL
STIMULI INITIATED THE PRO-
GRAMMING CHIP IN HIS HEAD.
THAT'S WHY HE FLED FROM YOU
HIS MIND NOW BELONGED TO
HMMMM - ME

BILL'S FIRST TASK WAS TO
CONNECT ME TO A POWER SOURCE
SO I COULD INSTRUCT HIM I
THEN ORDERED HIM TO RAISE A
DUCKBILL ARMY AND SEIZE THE
CRATER SITE. YRAAP! AS YOU
KNOW, HE SUCCEEDED!

NEXT, THEY WOULD SALVAGE COMBOT PARTS
FROM THE SITE I WOULD REASSEMBLE ONE
AND HAVE IT REBUILD ME : BZZZZZZT - SOON,
I WOULD RISE TO POWER AGAIN AND HAVE
MY REVENGE ON ALL OF YOU!

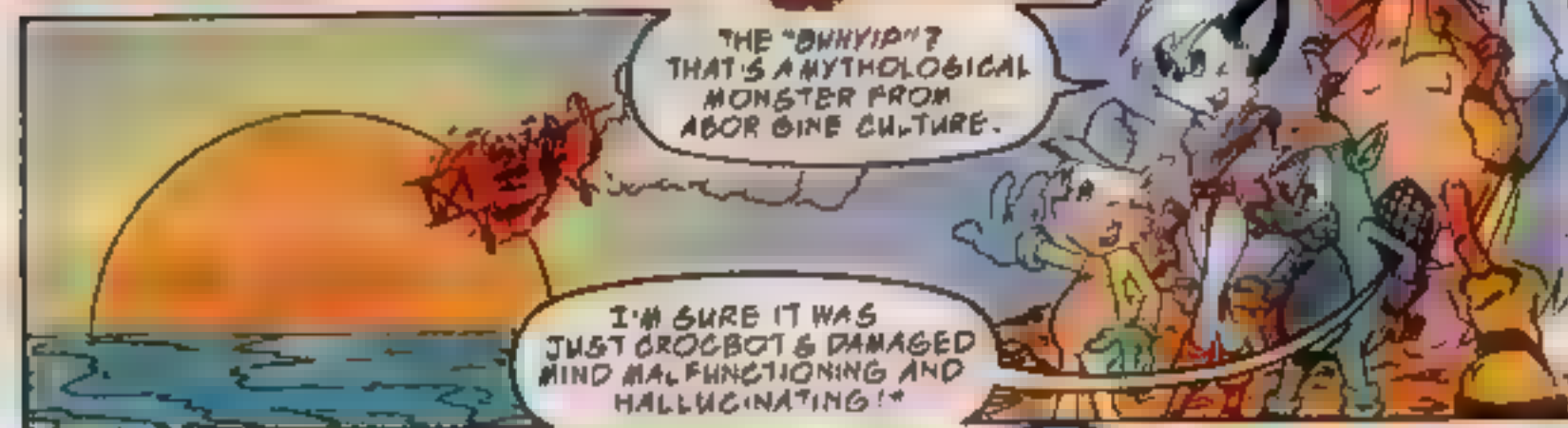
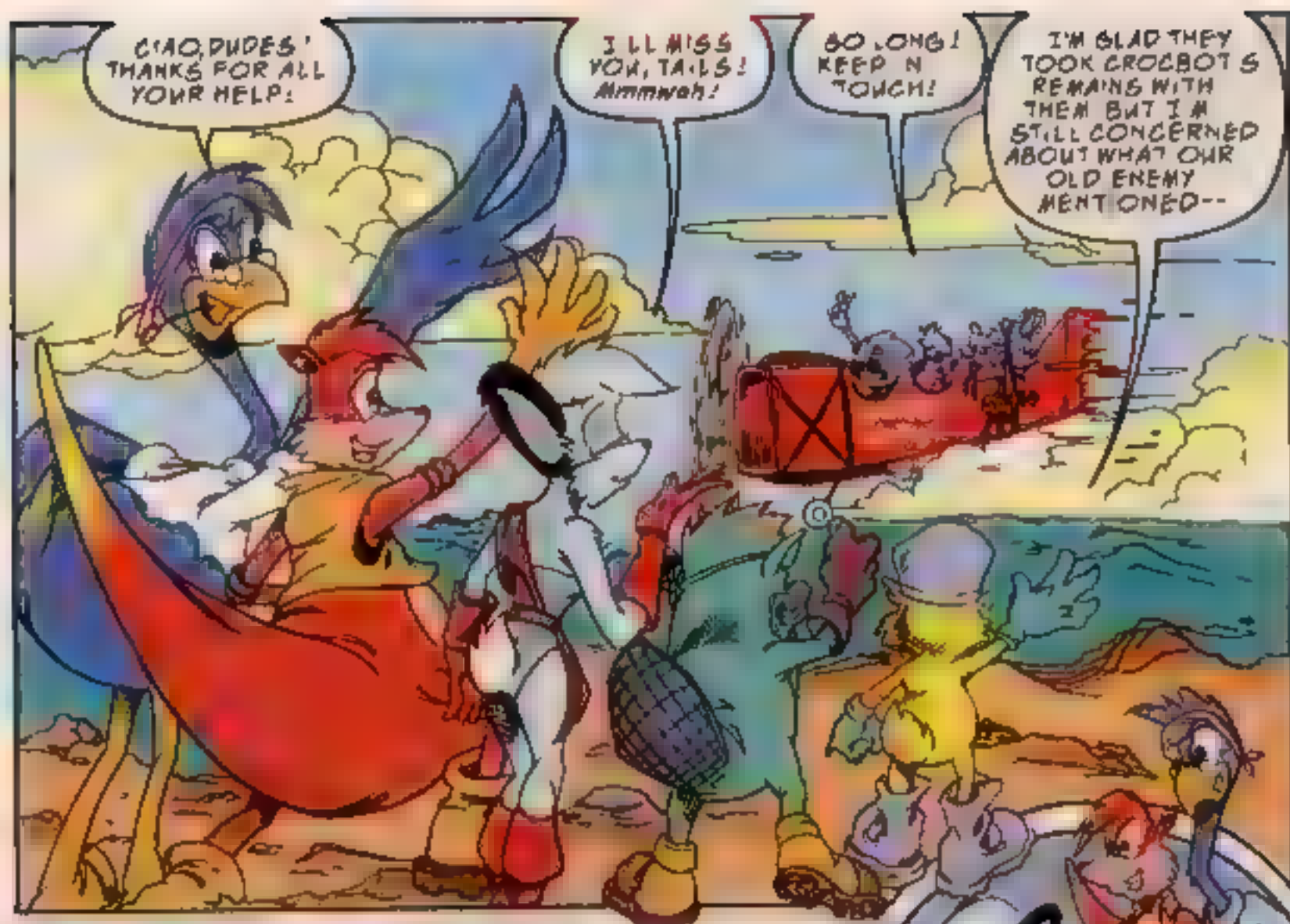
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER ANY-
WAY.. - FSSSSSSSH - FOR WHEN
THE BUNYIPARRIV-- , b'p:

HEY THAT'S
MY DECISION
TO MAKE!

AFRAID NOT
MARSH-PAL!

I HAVE AUTHORIZATION
FROM KING ACORN HIMSELF
TO DISCONNECT AND CONFIS-
GATE ANY AND ALL HOSTILE
MECHANICAL DEVICES

WE DEFER TO
THE KING TAKE
GROEBOT AWAY
--AND GOOD
RIDDANCE!

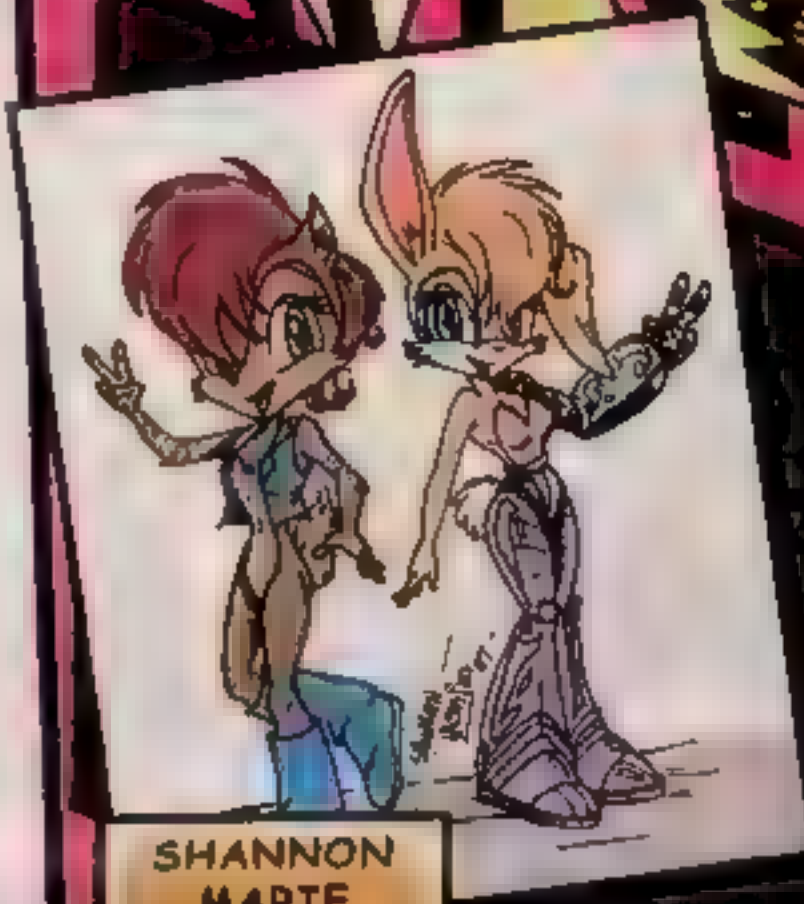




PIN-UP COLORING FUN BROUGHT TO YOU BY HARVEY "HARVO" MERCADOOCASIO!

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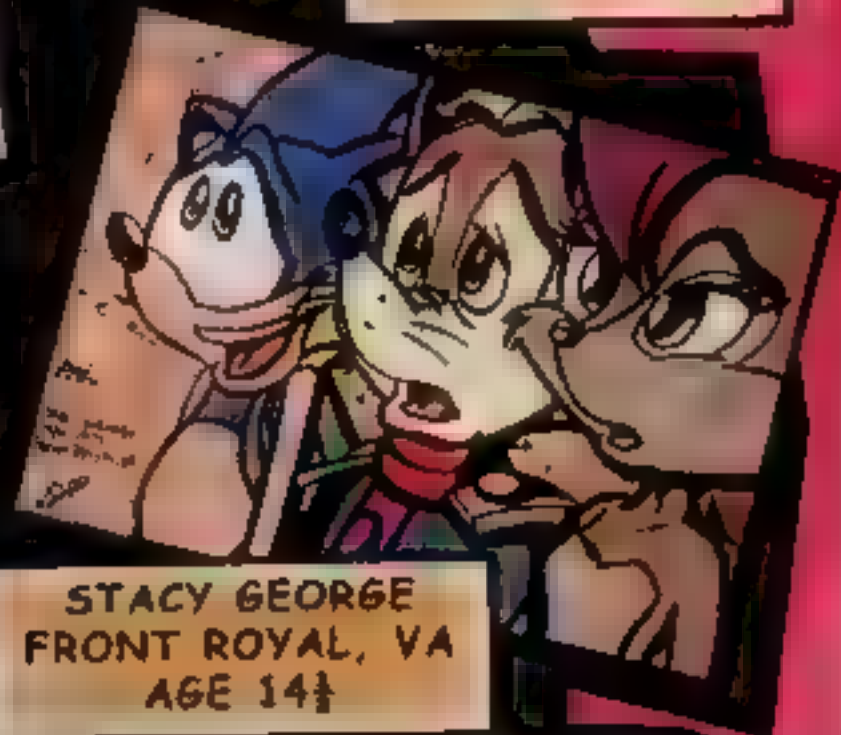
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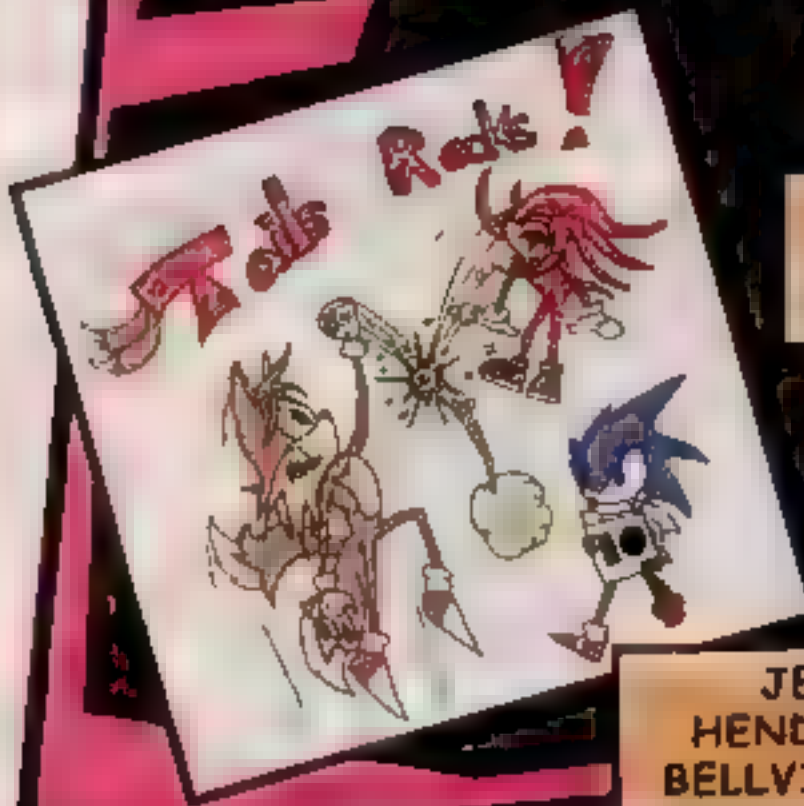
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I'M SURE GLAD
WE'RE NOT CHASING
THE EVIL WIZARD
IXIS **HAUGHS** AROUND
THE PLANET BY **BOAT**,
SONIC! THIS OCEAN
LOOKS REAL **ROUGH**
IF YOU ASK **ME!**

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THE WAVES,
TAILS! IN TWO
SECONDS WE MIGHT
REGRET TAKIN' MY
BI-PLANE!

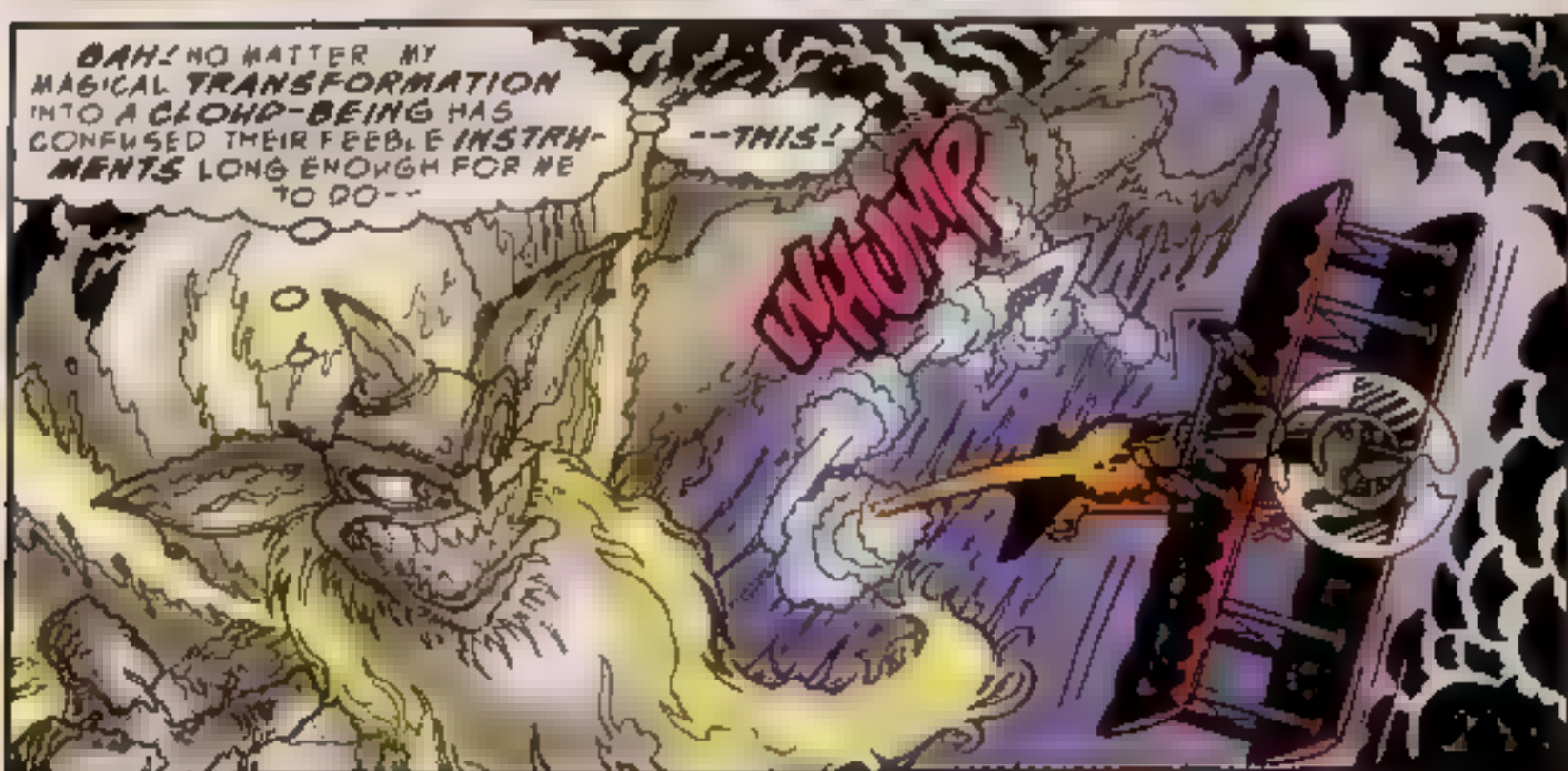
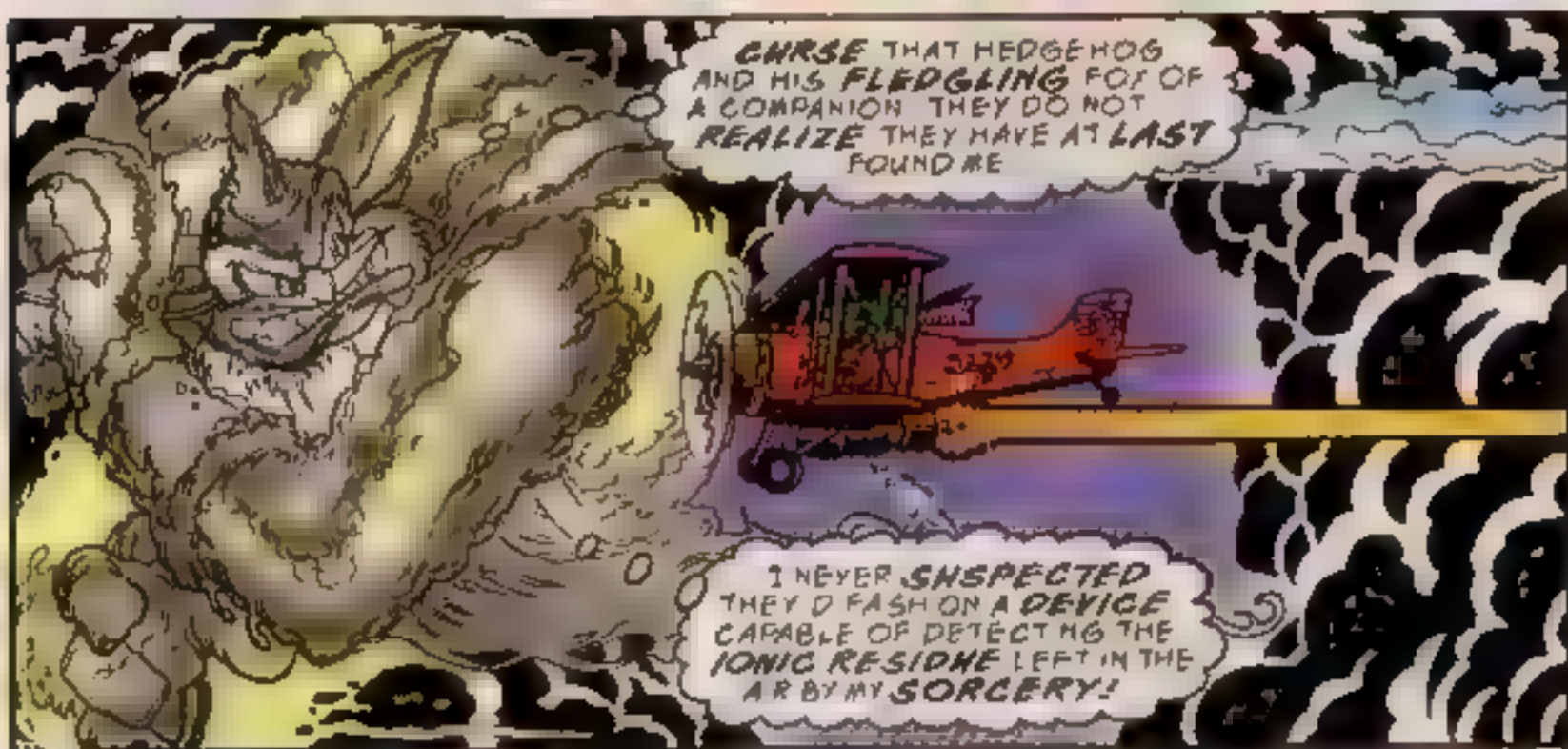
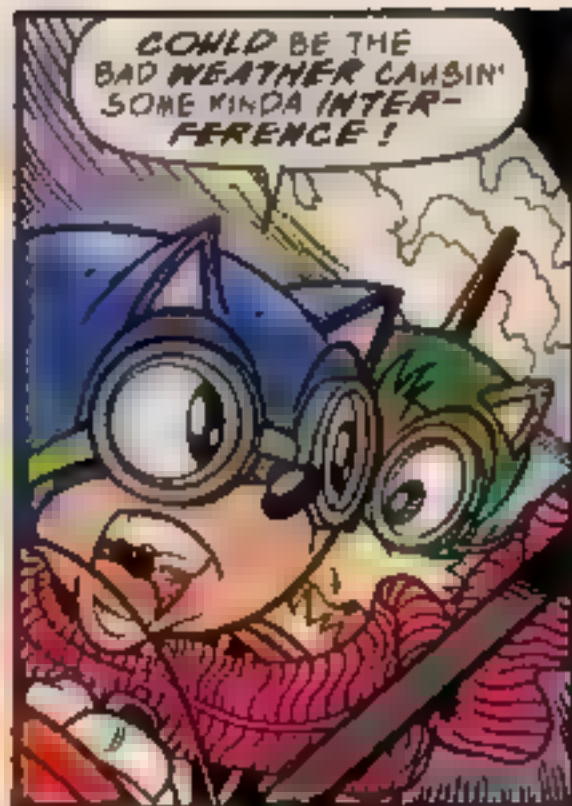
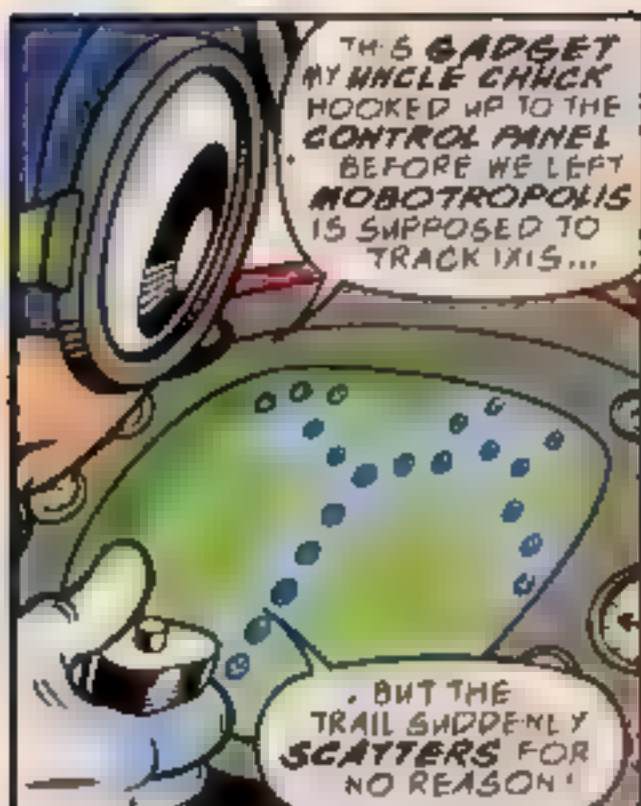
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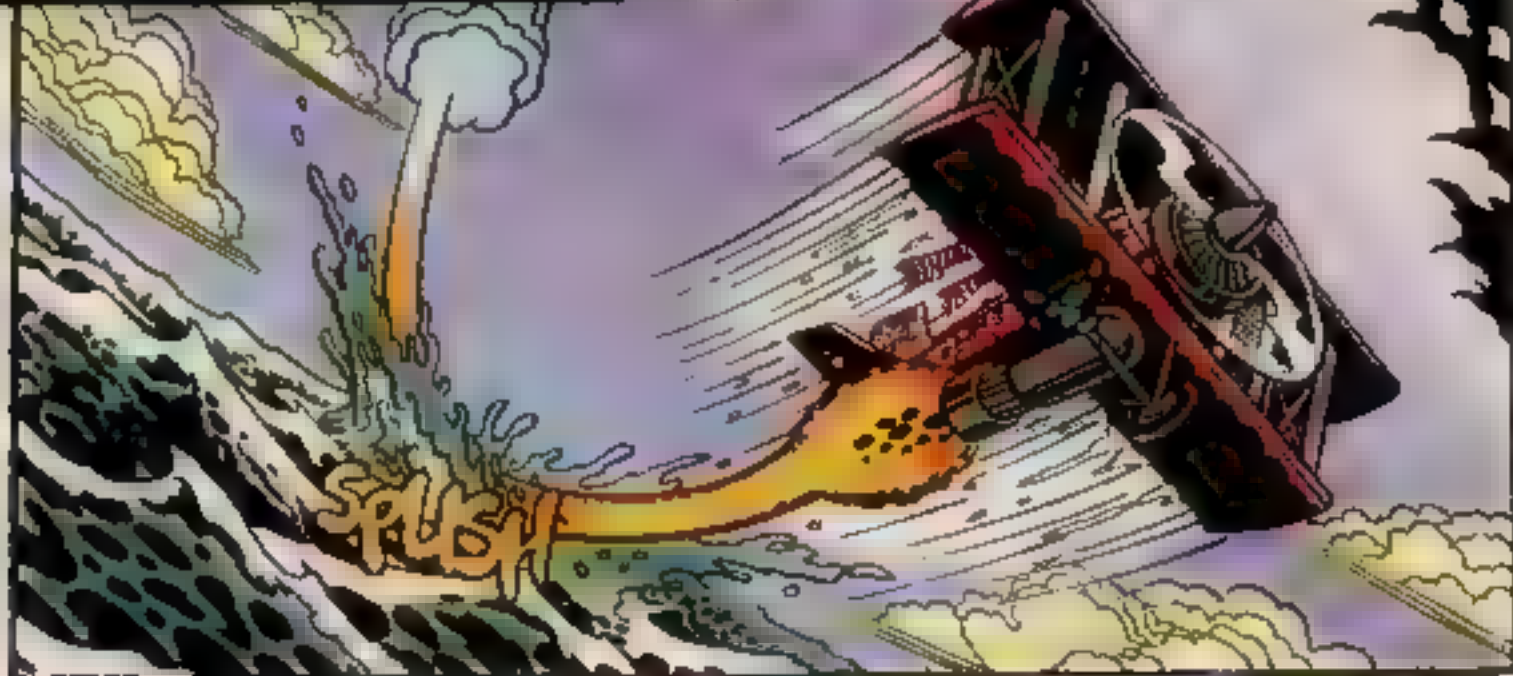
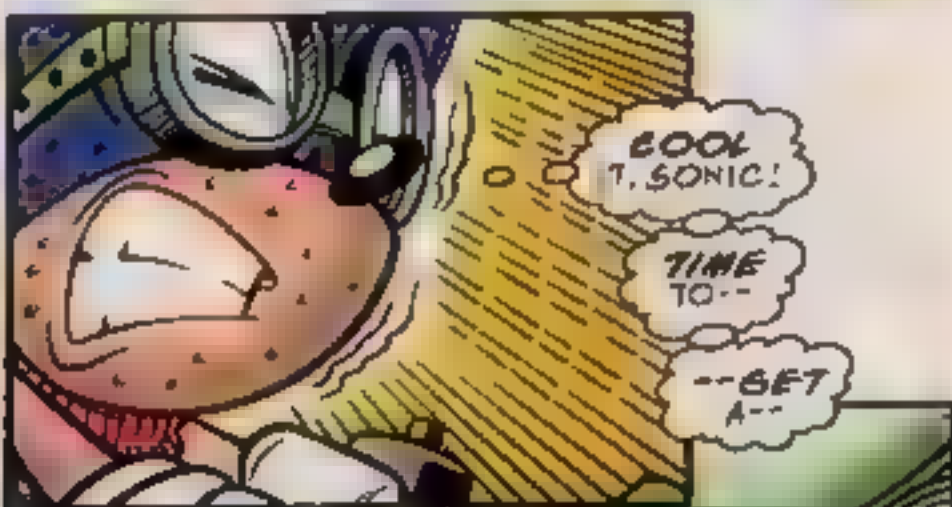
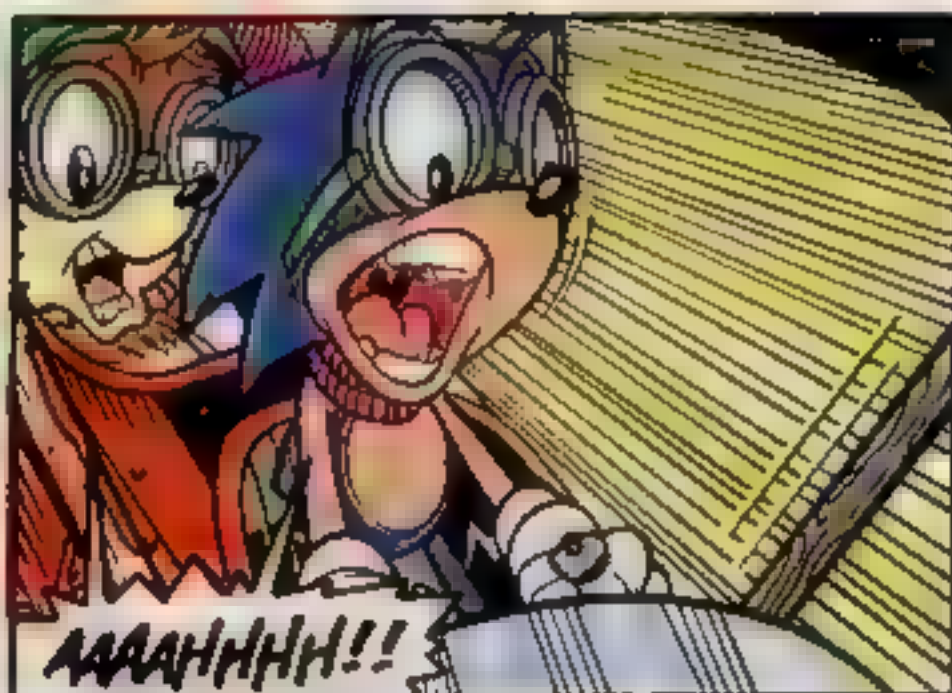
CHECK OUT THOSE
CLOUDS UP AHEAD! FROM
THE **NASTY** LOOK OF 'EM
OUR **HANDS** ARE GONNA
BE FULL **JUST FLYIN'**
THESE UNFRIENDLY
SKIES!

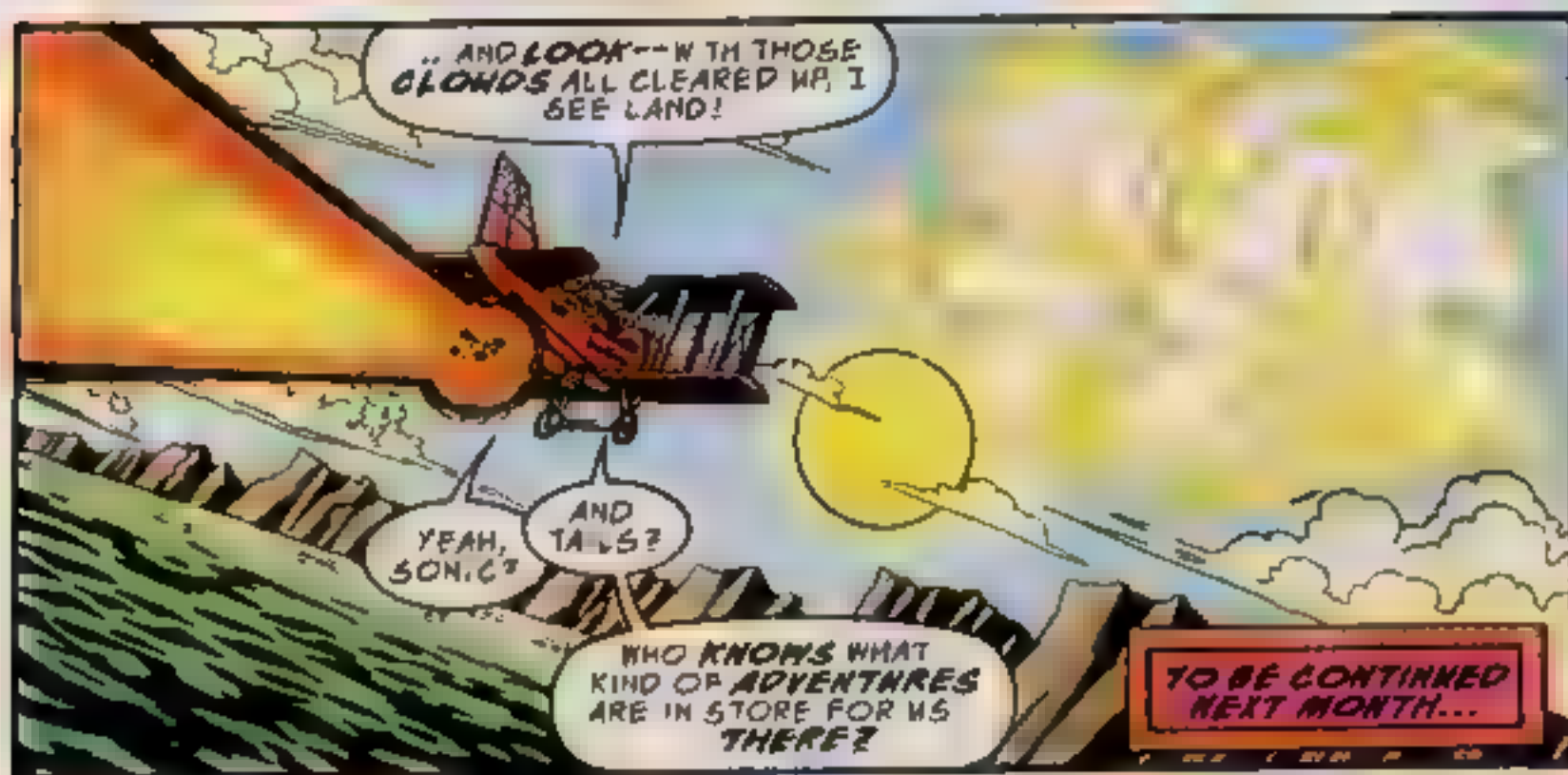
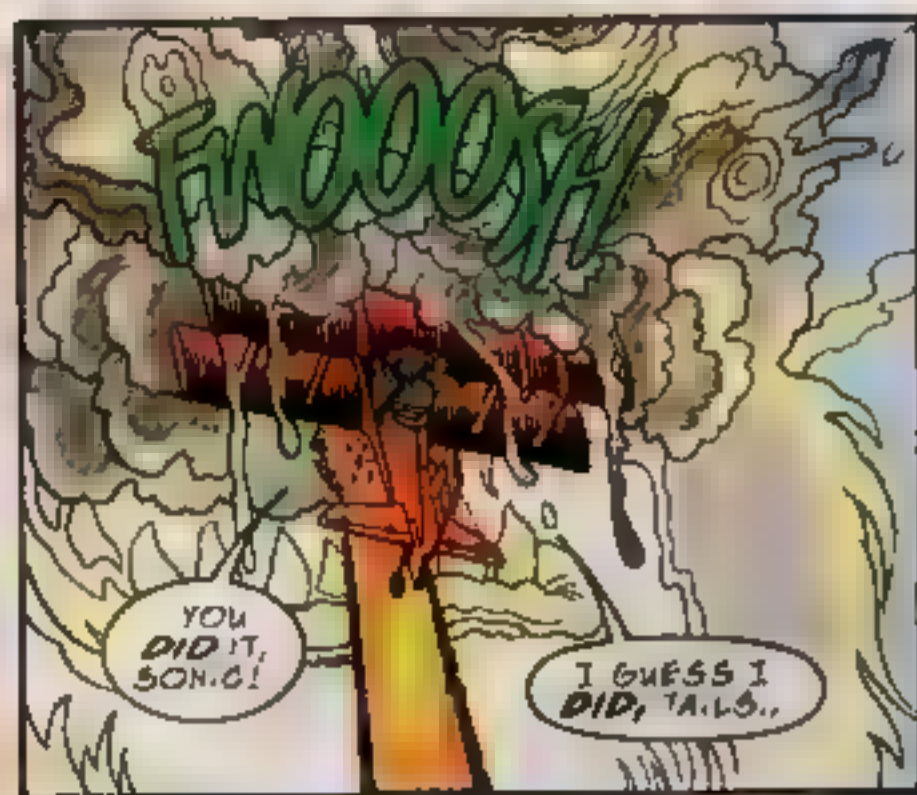
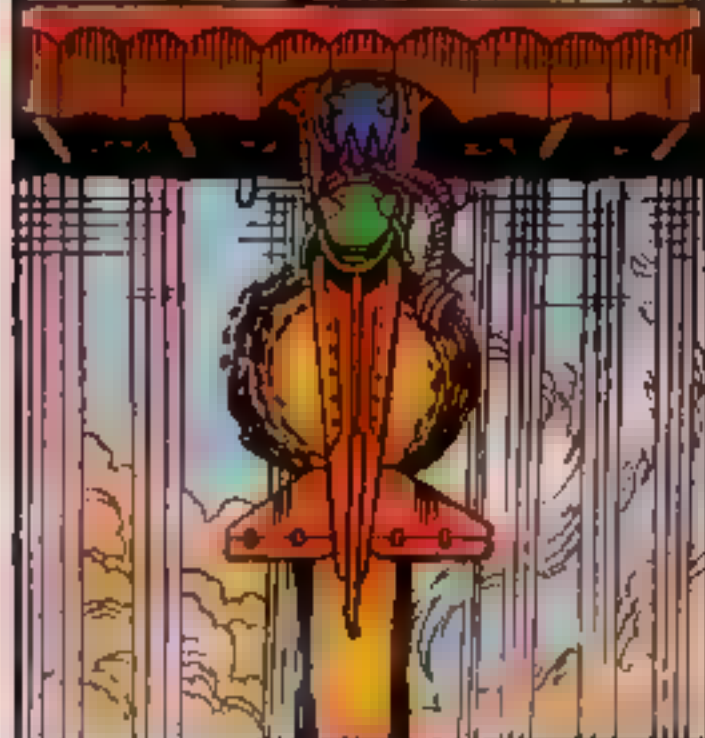
MAKE NO
MISTAKE, I'LL
BUDDY WE'RE
DEFINITELY IN
FOR--

TOTAL TURBULENCE

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KA-THOON

THAT WAS
CUTTING IT
CLOSE!

YOU
ALL RIGHT,
FLEMING?

DEACTIVATING
ROBOTNIK'S LEFTOVER
DEATH-TRAP'S ONE
THING!

BEING ABLE
TO CARRY OUT
ACTUAL
FIELD ASSIGN-
MENTS IS
ANOTHER.

I'M GETTING
TOO OLD FOR THIS
SON!

YOU STILL HAVE PLENTY
ON THE BALL, FLEMING!

NOT
ANYMORE!

I'VE BEEN WITH
THE SECRET SERVICE
SINCE YOUR DADDY WAS
IN CHARGE --

Presents:

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN

ON HIS MAJESTY'S
SECRET SERVICE

--AND NOW IT
LOOKS AS THOUGH
MY TIME HAS COME
AS WELL!

WITH THE
RETIREMENT OF
LIEUTENANT
FLEMING FROM
THE SERVICE--

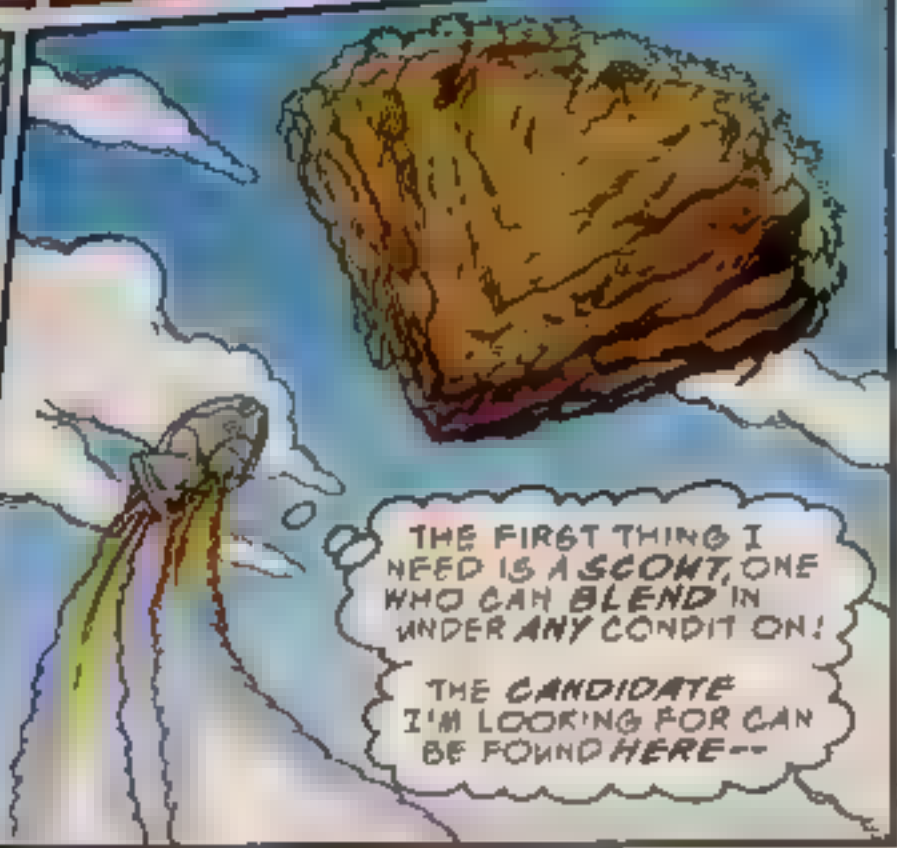
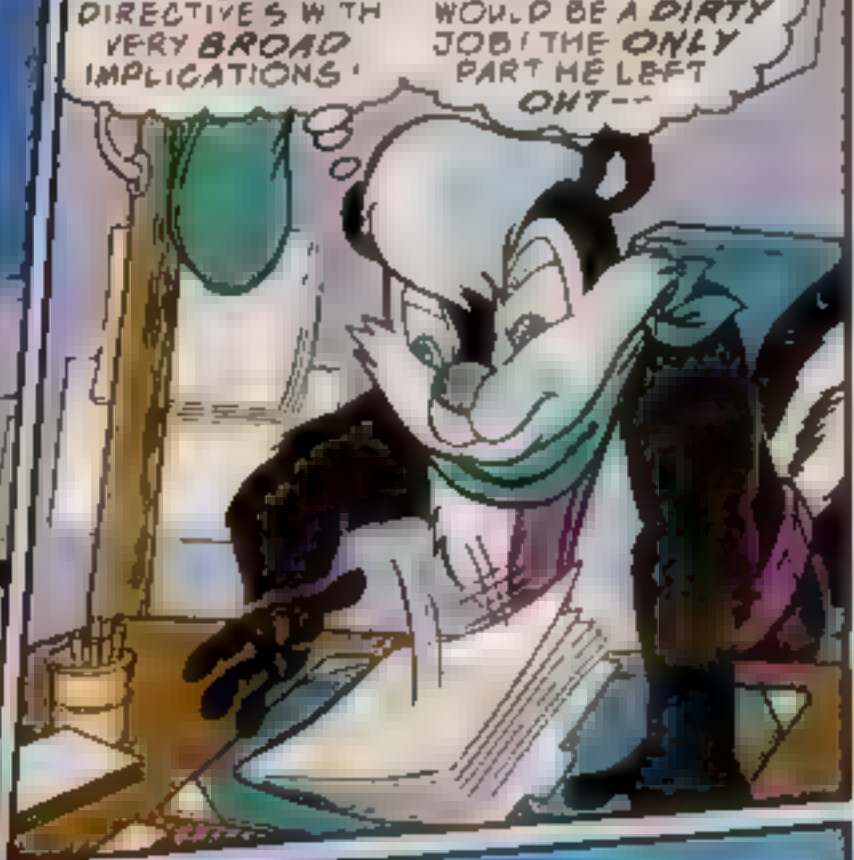
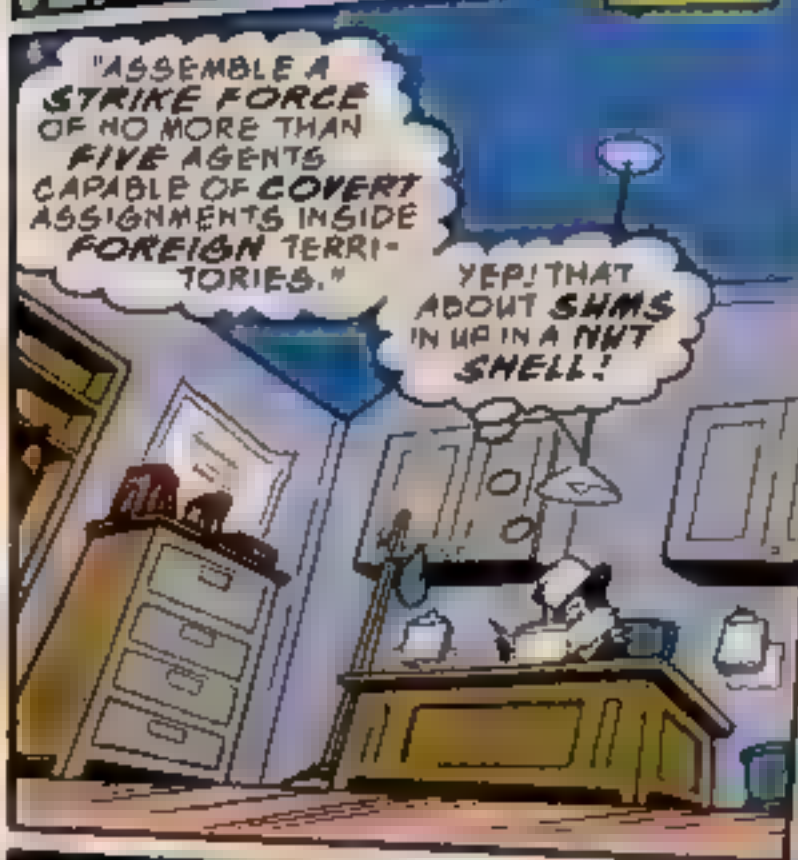
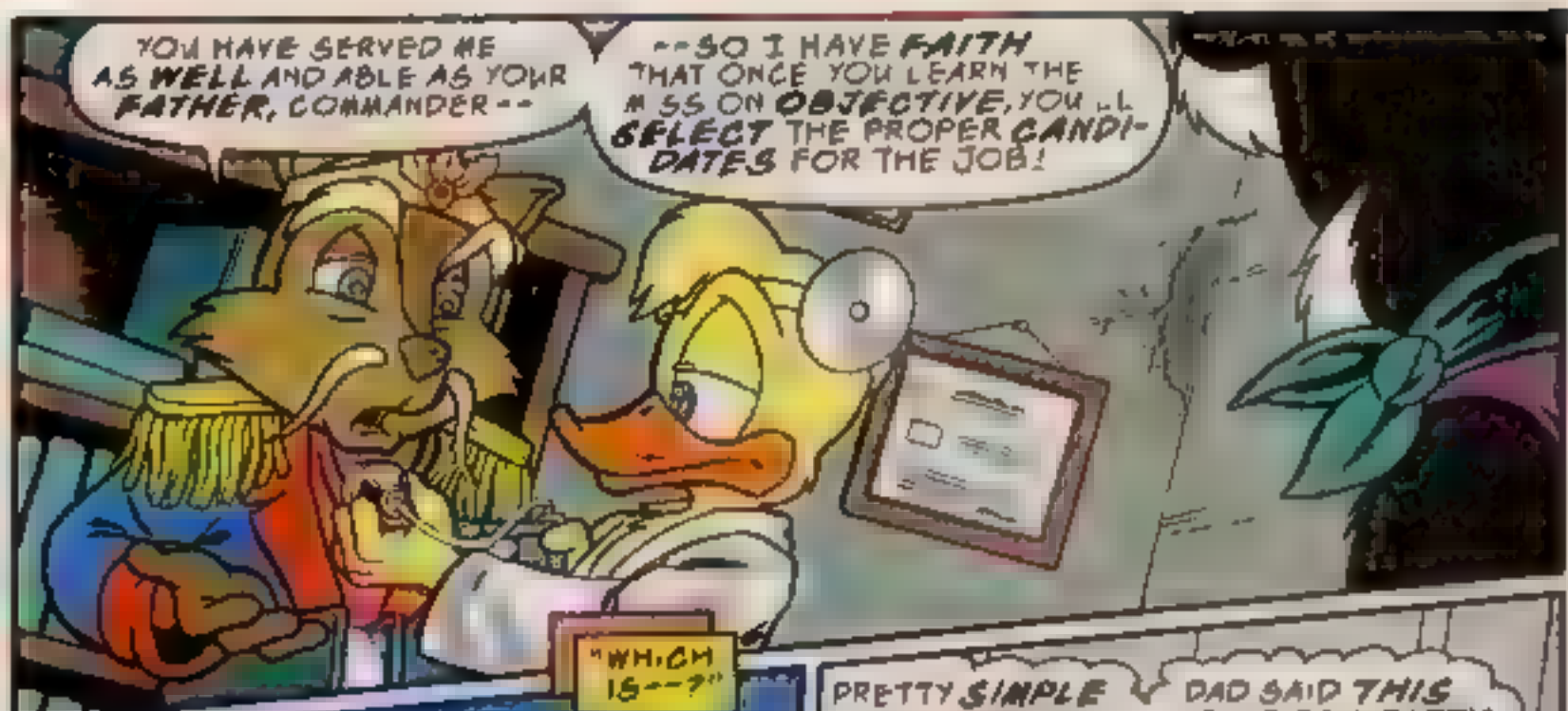
--IT BEHOOVES
YOU TO RECRUIT
SOME VERY SPECIAL
AGENTS!

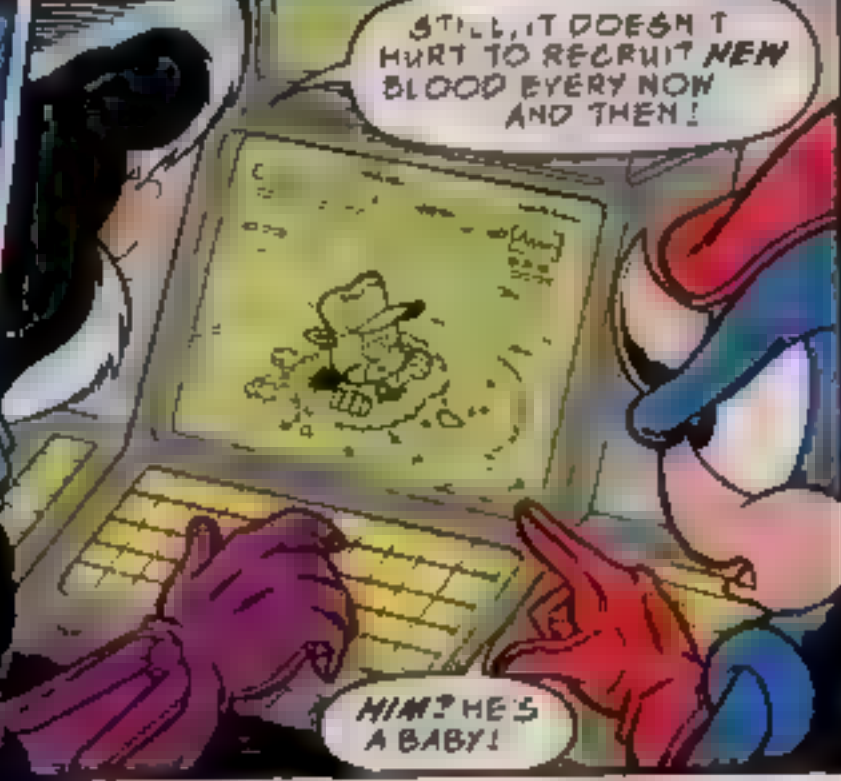
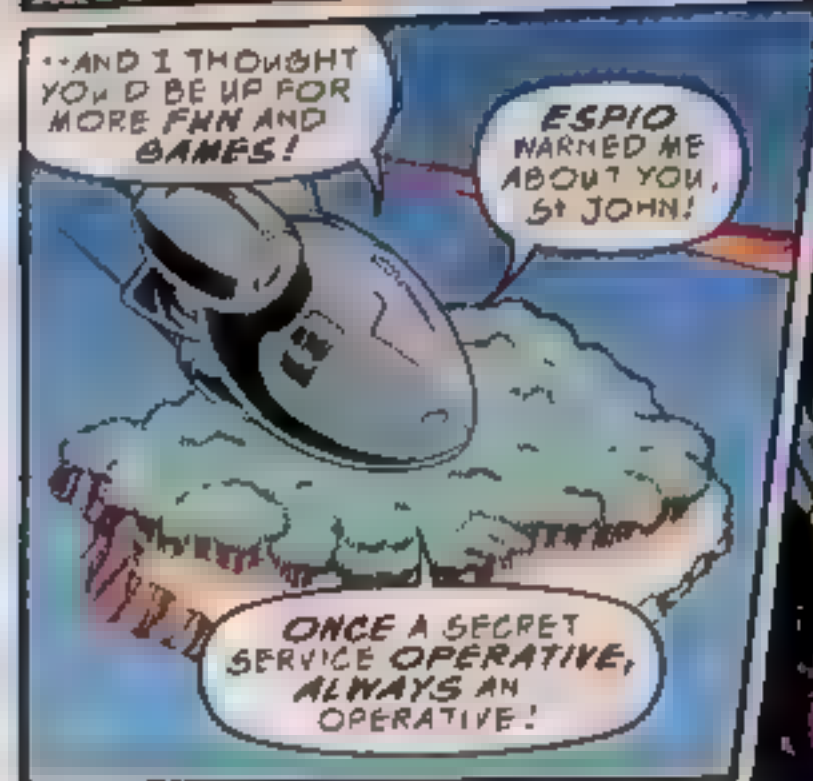
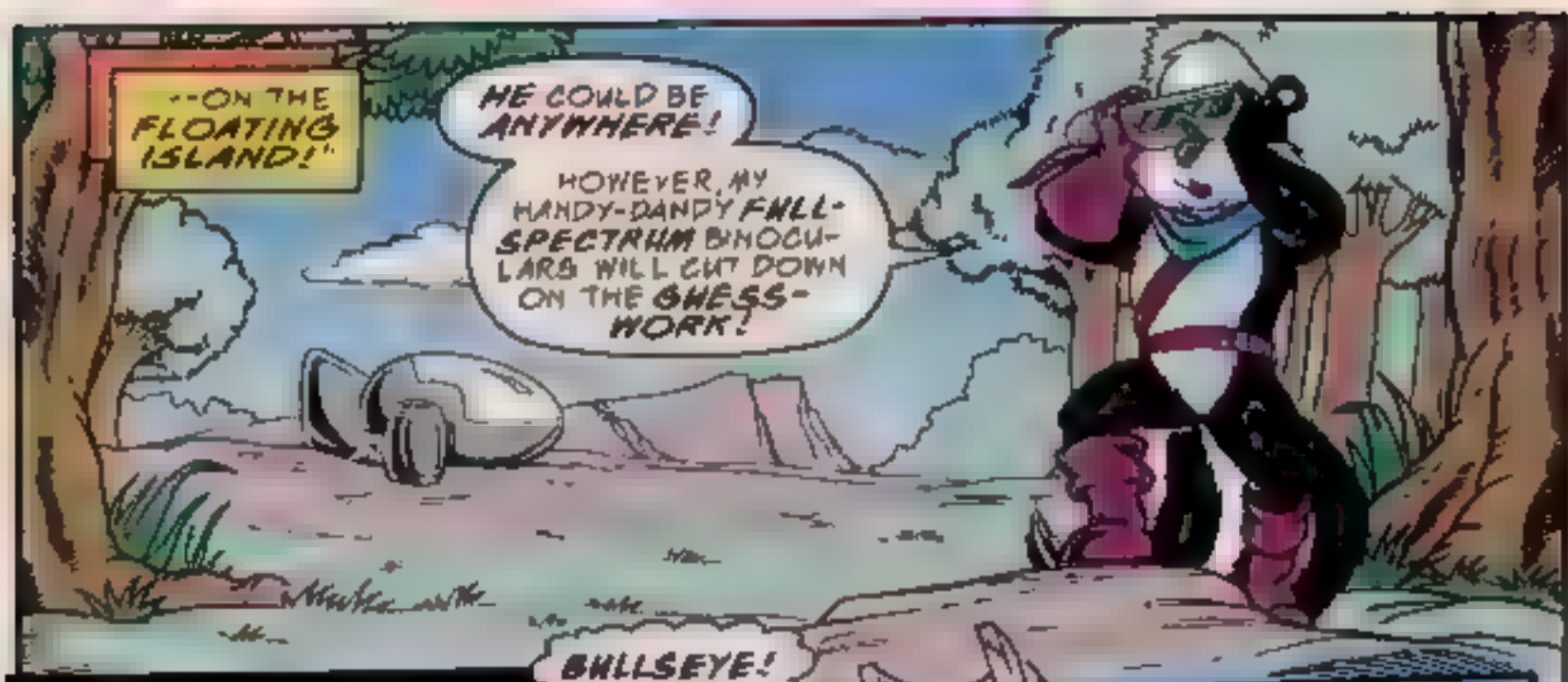
THERE ARE NEW
ENEMIES AND THREATS
FACING THE REALM AND
WE NEED TO BE READY
FOR THEM!

I'M WELL
AWARE OF
IT, SIRE!

IS THERE
ANYONE IN
PARTICULAR
YOU HAVE IN
MIND?

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"AGE ISN'T THE
CONSIDERATION
HERE, IT'S THE
SKILLS HE BRINGS
TO THE TEAM THAT
I'M INTERESTED IN!"

THAT'S FUNNY!
I COULD'VE SWORN
I HEARD SOME-
THING STRANGE A
MOMENT AGO!

YOU HAVE
GOOD EARS,
MATE!

NHH?

WHO ARE
YOU?

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

THE
NAME IS
ST. JOHN--

GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN--OF
HIS MAJESTY KING
ACORN'S SECRET
SERVICE--

--AND I'M LOOKING
FOR A FEW RECRUITS
INTERESTED IN
ADVENTURE, PRE-
SERVING THE KING-
DOM--

YOU
KNOW, THE
HSHAL!

INTERESTED?

WELL--

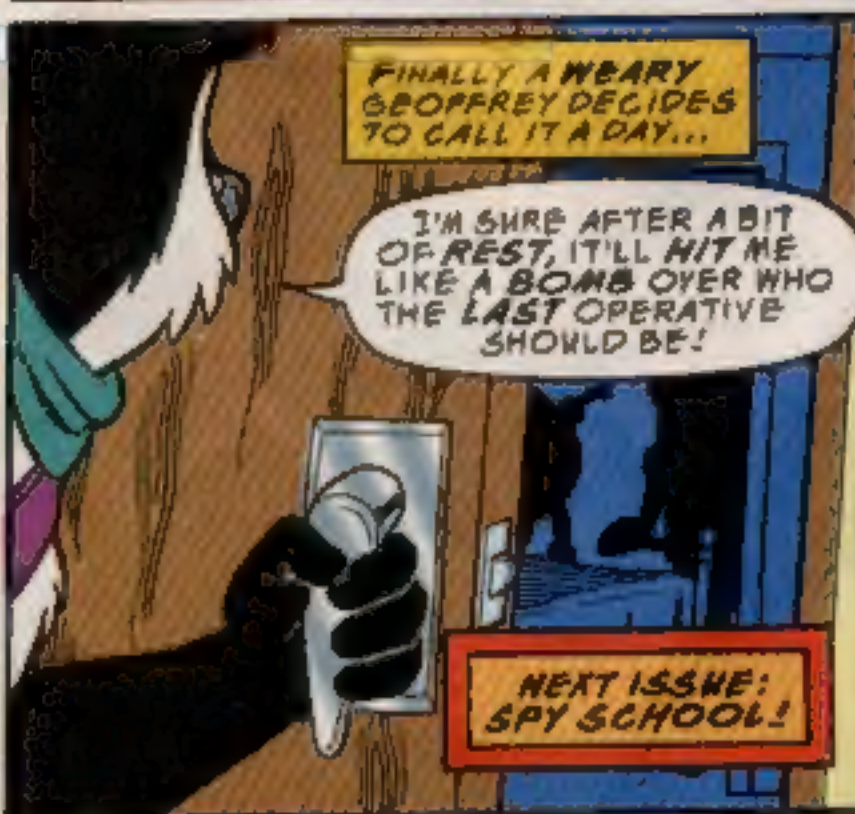
IT HAS BEEN
KINDA QUIET AROUND
HERE SINCE CROCBOT
WAS DEFEATED--

"--SO, YEAH--
LIKE, I'M IN!"

MOBOTROPOLIS
DEAD AHEAD!

YOU MATE'S
CHECK IN FOR THE
NIGHT--

*Refer to the lead
story-Justin



SONIC-GRAMS

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THIS JUST IN!

MEET SONIC'S NUMBER ONE FANS!

NEXT MONTH: SONIC AND TAILS ARE FORCED TO LAND IN THE FENCE-FIELD-COVERED DESERT TOWN OF SAND BLAST CITY! THERE THEY ENCOUNTER A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS THAT TAKE HERO WORSHIP OF OUR BLUE BLUR TO NEW LEVELS! ALSO, SEE THE PRISONERS OF THE DEVIL'S GULAG DEVISE A WAY OUT, INCLUDING SHIVELY! WRITTEN BY EARL BOLLERS. ART BY THIS ISSUE'S STEVEN BUTLER WITH INKS BY PAUL EKLUND. INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE: PART TWO OF ST. JOHN'S "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE" STORY LINE. NOW THAT HE'S GOT RAW RECRUITS TOGETHER, WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? WRITTEN AND INKED BY KEN PENDER. WITH PENCILS BY ART HAWTHORNE. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #42 ON SALE JUNE 1998!**



SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG #42
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IN TWO WEEKS: EVERYTHING COMES TO A HEAD AS THE CHAOTIX BAND TOGETHER TO TAKE DOWN THE EVIL MACHINATIONS OF ONE EBONY HARE AND HIS HENCHMEN! THIS ISSUE ALSO MARKS THE DEPARTURE OF ONE OF THE CHAOTIX! ALSO, WATCH IN AWE AS KNUCKLES' POWERS DEVELOP IN AN ALARMING RATE, SPURNING A NEW GUARDIAN CONTROVERSY! JOHN KEN PENDER, NANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOT IN THE CONCLUSION OF "THE CHAOTIX CAPER!" **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #15 ON SALE JUNE 1998!**



KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #15
ON SALE JUNE 1998

IN OTHER SEGA NEWS: ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS WAIT THREE WEEKS TO SEE NIGHTS INTO DREAMS BECOME AN ONGOING SERIES! PICKING UP WHERE THE POPULAR MINI-SERIES LEFT OFF... NIGHTS NOW EXISTS IN THE WAKING WORLD. BUT HOW CAN A CREATURE OF DREAMS SURVIVE IN REALITY? THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE AS NIGHTS COMICALLY TRIES HIS BEST TO FIGURE THE WORLD OUT FOR HIMSELF. AND WHAT OF ELLIOT AND CLARIS? IF NIGHTS IS IN THE WAKING WORLD, HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THEM IN THEIR DREAMS? YOU CAN BE SURE NIGHTS' NEMESIS, REALA, WILL USE THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE! STORY BY SONIC SCRIBE EARL BOLLERS. ART BY FAN FAVES PATRICK "SPZ" SPALANTE AND IAN MAXWELL WITH INKS BY HARVEY. **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #4 ON SALE JUNE 1998!**



NIGHTS
INTO DREAMS #4
ON SALE JUNE 1998

AND COMING SOON: SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6: SONIC 50- THE DIRECTOR'S CUT! MORE ON THIS NEXT MONTH!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

Freddy

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NOTE: DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF E-MAIL, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO REPLY PERSONALLY TO EACH AND EVERY MESSAGE. HOWEVER, YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO US AND EACH MESSAGE WILL BE READ. THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING.

**TODAY WE WILL
ANSWER LETTERS
REFERRING TO
SONIC #53 & #54.
LET'S GO...**

DEAR FREDDY,

HERE'S MY REVIEW OF SONIC
#53: THIS FIRST STORY READ AND
LOOKED PRETTY GOOD. ESPECIALLY
WITH KEN ONLY INKING ART'S WORK.
THE SECOND STORY PENCILED BY SAM
MAXWELL WAS BY FAR HIS BEST
WORK IN SONIC TO DATE. HE'S
GETTING BETTER AND A LOT MORE
CONSISTANT. AND EXCEPT FOR HIS
ACTION PANELS IN PART TWO, HE
DID A FAIRLY GOOD JOB. HOPE
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MY
OPINIONS HERE.

RICK CAUSEY
MESA, AZ

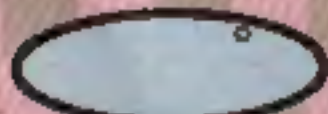
WE'RE ALWAYS INTER-
ESTED IN WHAT YOU HAVE
TO SAY. SAM IS CURRENTLY
WORKING OVER SPAZ'S
BREAKDOWN PENCILS IN
NIGHTS #4-6. BELIEVE ME
WHEN I SAY THEY LOOK
MONDO COOL!

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I'M GLAD SONIC AND KNUCKLES
ARE ON GOOD SPEAKING TERMS NOW
(#53). I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND
OUT THAT ROSE AND JULAYLA WERE
COUSINS. I DON'T THINK SONIC
SHOULD TREAT UNCLE CHUCK SO
BADLY (#54). FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO
SAY THAT SONIC SERIES, ITS SPECIALS,
MINI-SERIES AND THE KNUCKLES
SERIES ARE SOME OF THE BEST
COMICS IN THE WORLD AND HOPE
THAT ITS GOING TO BE AROUND FOR

ISIDRO
"SHADOWSTALKER" RIVERS
MONTANA, MT

AS LONG AS OUR
READERS KEEP
SUPPORTING ISSUES
BASED ON SONIC &
KNUCKLES (AND NOW
NIGHTS) ADVENTURES,
YOUR HOPE WILL
BE A REALITY.



**HERE ARE SOME
MISCELLANEOUS
NOTES FROM
THE NET...**

HEY ARCHIE COMICS,

I READ ISSUE #53, WAY PAST
COOL! SO, SONIC ISN'T HIS REAL
NAME! WHEN I READ THAT, I
COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! I LAUGHED ALL
NIGHT! PLEASE TELL SPAZ AND HARVO
I LOVE THEM! NAUGUS GUY SURE LOOKS FAMILIAR,
THAT'S RIGHT, HE WAS IN THE
CARTOON.

CARCUDA THE KILLER
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YOU ARE CORRECT. TO
REITERATE (GOTTA' LOVE
THOSE WORDS): FOR
THOSE OF YOU THAT
WATCHED THE NETWORK
ANIMATED SERIES OF
'SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,'
YOU WILL RECOGNIZE
NAUGUS SINCE HE MADE
HIS FIRST APPEARANCE
ON THAT SHOW.

DEAR SONIC,

DON'T LET THEM MAKE FUN
OF YOUR MIDDLE NAME! I LOOKED IT
UP IN MY NAME BOOK AND THIS IS
WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT THE NAME
MAURICE: "THIS PERSON WANTS TO
MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE
FOR ALL TO LIVE. IS ABLE TO RELATE
TO OTHERS WITH TOLERANCE AND
LOVE, USING NATURAL LEADERSHIP

ABILITIES." WELL, IT KIND OF SOUNDS
LIKE YOU, I THINK.

LUCY LO
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THANKS THERE, LUCY
LO! ALL THOSE THINGS ARE
SONIC WITH A CAPITAL 'S'!

DEAR SONIC COMICS,

I JUST RECEIVED SONIC #53.
IT WAS GREAT! I CAN ALREADY SEE
THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE LOTS
OF ACTION AND NEW ENEMIES! NOW
SONIC AND KNUCKLES ARE FRIENDS. I
THINK THE NEXT FEW ISSUES ARE
GOING TO BE PRETTY EXCITING!

NATHAN ADAMS
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NOW THAT YOU'VE
READ THE NEXT FEW
ISSUES, HAS IT BEEN AS
EXCITING AS YOU THOUGHT
IT MIGHT BE?

DEAR SONIC,

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT
ISSUE #54! I LOVED THE COVER BY
SPAZ AND THE RETURN OF NAUGUS BY
NELSON ORTEGA! IT'S ABOUT TIME
SOMEONE USED LINE SHADING AND
HE DID IT RIGHT. I LIKED HOW THE
OTHER ARTIST JOHN HEBERT DREW
THE EGGBOYS (THEY APPEAR IN THE
SONIC AND KNUCKLES GENESIS GAME).
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THEM TO
SHOW UP IN THE COMIC.

WOLF
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WHAT'S UP, WOLF?
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT
RELATED TO THAT DRAGO
CHARACTER! THANKS FOR
THE KUDOS AND I CAN
DEFINITELY THANK YOU
ON BEHALF OF SPAZ,
NELSON AND JOHN.

**UNTIL
NEXT
MONTH,
KEEP ON
JUICIN'!**